संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी. वी. रंगैया नायडू) : (क) किसी गांव में अतिरिक्त विभागीय शाखा डाकघर खोलने के प्रस्ताव में जनसंख्या निकटतम डाकघर से दूरी और आय संबंधी शर्तें पूरी होनी चाहिए। इस संबंध में अपनाए जा रहे वर्तमान मानदंड विवरण में दिए गए हैं।

राजस्थान में ऐसे 400 गांव हैं जो मानदंडों को पूरा करते हैं किन्तु वहां डाकघर नहीं हैं। वर्ष 1991–92 में 125 गांवों में डाकघर खोलने का प्रस्ताव है। शेष गांवों में 1993–94 तक डाकघर खोल दिए जाने का प्रस्ताव है।

(ख) राजस्थान के 9040 गांवों में डाकघर हैं। किसी गांव में कोई डाकघर बंद नहीं किया गया।

(ग) जी हां। राजस्थान में कुरिअरों द्वारा कुछ डाक लाई-ले जाने लगी है। डाक विभाग कुरिअरों पर प्रतिबंध नहीं लग सकता। जब वे पत्र लाते-ले जाते हैं जब वे भारतीय डाकघर अधिनियम का उल्लंघन करते हैं और जब ऐसे मामले ध्यान में आते हैं, तब विभाग अपराधी के विरुद्ध उचित कानूनी कार्रवाई करता है। यह एक निरंतर चलने वाली प्रक्रिया है।

विवरण

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में शाखा डाकघर खोलने के लिए मानदण्ड 1.4.1991 से प्रभावी

1. जनसंख्या

सामान्य क्षेत्रों में गांवों के एक समूह की कुल जनसंख्या 3000 होगी तथा पहाड़ी, जनजाति, रेगिस्तानी और दुर्गम क्षेत्रों में किसी एक गांव की जनसंख्या 500 या गांवों के समूह की जनसंख्या 1000 होगी।

2. दूरी

प्रस्तावित डाकघर और निकटतम मौजूदा डाकघर के बीच न्यूनतम दूरी 3 कि.मी. होगी। पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में, विशेष मामलों में, न्यूनतम दूरी की सीमा में छूट दी जा सकती है।

3. संभावित

सामान्य क्षेत्रों में डाकघर से संभावित आय लागत का कम से कम 33 1/3 प्रतिशत होनी चाहिए तथा पहाड़ी, जनजातीय, रेगिस्तानी और दुर्गम क्षेत्रों में यह लागत का 15 प्रतिशत होनी चाहिए।

Kidnappings by Militants in Kashmir and Assam

239. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

SHRi HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kashmiri militants in Srinagar and ULFA militants in Assam have recently kidnapped several officers of IOC and ONGC;

(b) if so, the details of the officers kidnapped and the number of those released unconditionally;

(c) whether the militants in Kashmir and Assam are urging the release of hard-core militants in custody in place of the kidnapped officers; and

(d) if so, what further steps are being contemplated by Government to get them released from militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB); (a) Yes_ Sir.

(b) The names of the officers kidnapped are as follows:—

In Kashmir Valley

(i) Sh. K. Doraiswamy, Executive Director, IOC.
In *Assam*

(i) Sh. B. N. Jaiswal, Chief Geophysicist

(ii) Sh. C. K. Mohanty, Dy. Superintending Den Engineer

(iii) Sh. S. S. Gupta, Dy. Director

(iv) Sh. B. S. Raju, Asstt. Ex-Engineer

(v) Sh. P. p. Srivastav, Superintending Engineer

(vi) Sh. Kishan Lai, Chemist

(vii) Sh. Narendra Sharma, Dy. Director—All of O.N.G.C.

Out of the above abducted officials, S/Sh. Narendra Sharma and B. N. Jaiswal have since been released.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Efforts to pursuade the terrorists to release the hostages are continuing.

Killings by ULFA in Assam

290. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV; SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of innocent persons killed in Assam by ULFA during the last three years, till date, year-wise; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to curb the activities of ULFA?

THE MINISTER *OF* STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The number of persons killed in Assam by ULFA during the last three years year-wise is as ! under:—

1988	199	1990	1991
24	28	89*	72

including dead bodies recovered from ULFA Camps during Army action)

(b) The Chief Minister has initiated action aimed at finding a negotiated solution to the problem of ULFA. He has held consultations with political parties and various other shades of opinion. On the basis of consensus reached, he made an offer to release ULFA detenus except those facing charges of heinous crimes and asked them to give up arms and come to the negotiating table. Orders for the release of 367 ULFA activists had already been issued by the State Government.

People killed in incidents of differenttypes of violence after assassination ofShri Rajiv Gandhi

291. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the State-wise number of people killed in cammunal clashes, terrorists violence, and in violence, after the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi, category wise and the steps taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB); According to the available information, the number of persons who lost their lives in communal clashes, terrorist violence and in violence after the assassination of Shrt Rajiv Gandhi is given in the attached statement.

Public order being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to take effective steps to prevent such incidents. However, the Central Government remains in constant touch with the State Governments.